

### REMARKS

The disclosure was objected to because of a spelling/typographical error. The disclosure has been amended to correct the typographical error as noted by the Examiner.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gilson et. al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,336,934). Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish from the cited prior art. Claim 1 now requires a filter body formed into a mesh state by knitting filaments in a piped shape with a closed farther end in an opened nearer ends, support wires formed by dividing the filaments at the opens nearer end into a plurality of sets, each set of filaments twined together wherein ends of the plurality of sets of filaments are spliced to the principal wire, and each of support wires extend radially in the direction toward the closed farther end and in the direction of the outer diameter, wherein mesh is defined by the mesh state are knit into a concave shape facing the support wires and are inclined towards the outer circumference in a lying posture relative to the blood current. The amended features of claim 1 are supported in the application as filed on page 11, lines 14-28, and especially lines 26-28. The boundary between the support wires and the filter body is formed along the blood vessel, in other words, inclined toward the outer circumference in a lying posture relative to the blood current. Thereby this boundary is intended to prevent the blood vessel wall from being damaged; and the mesh openings in relative terms as viewed on a section orthogonal to the blood stream are fine enough to make capturing the target accumulated matter.

Further the support wires and filter body in the mesh state are configured of integrated filaments to allow no swollen nodal portion. The catcher filter is thereby enabled to be folded to correspondingly smaller diameter. The filaments of the nearer position of the filter body are joined by twining in a plurality of sets, thereby smooth flowing of the flood stream and through flowing of the target accumulated matter is facilitated matter by the wide distance between the sets. Each of the support wires extend radially toward the farther side and in the direction of the outer diameter. Gilson

et. al. does not show or disclose each of the features in amended claim 1. Therefore it is believed that claim 1 is allowable over the cited prior art.

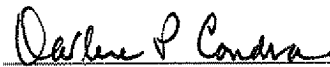
Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being unpatentable over Gilson and further in view of Greenhaulgh, (U.S. Patent Number 6,375,670). Claim 6 is ultimately dependent upon allowable claim 1. Inasmuch as claim 1 is believed to be allowable, dependent claim 6 is also believed to be allowable. Further, dependent claims 2-3, 5 and 7 are also believed to be allowable.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places this application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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